

SENATE BILL 2889

By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, relative to prohibiting forever the inspection of nursing homes by former employees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-214, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (c):

(c) The department shall not assign an individual to be a member of an inspection team for purposes of an inspection, evaluation, or consultation visit or a survey required for medicare and/or medicaid certification at a nursing home facility in which the individual works, or, at any previous time, has worked as an employee, as employment agency staff at the facility, or as an officer, consultant, or agent for the facility to be inspected. Prior to being employed by the department, all such individuals shall be required to disclose any previous employment at any and all nursing facilities, including employment as an employee, as employment agency staff, or as an officer, consultant or agent.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.